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**Joint Concrete Products Document Clarifies Certification Requirements**

CHICAGO and CARMEL, Ind., August 4, 2020 – The National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) and the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) issued a joint document to alleviate confusion in the marketplace regarding certification programs for precast and prestressed concrete products.

Both NPCA and PCI administer widely accepted, independent, third party-audited plant certification programs. Working together on these certification programs has been a priority for both organizations since 2013 as part of a wider effort to align key programs, including their annual trade shows, marketing, government affairs, technical and safety materials, and education and training.

The [document](#) allows specifiers to determine easily whether products require NPCA certification, PCI certification or whether either is allowable. This clarification ensures the accurate specification of certification programs, while also ensuring that all appropriately certified plants can bid the project.

Together, NPCA and PCI represent nearly 1,500 manufacturers of quality precast and prestressed concrete products, suppliers to the industry and precast concrete erectors. More than 3,500 individuals also are represented, including architects, consultants, contractors, developers, engineers, materials suppliers, service providers, educators and students.

“The partnership between NPCA and PCI grows stronger every day, and the clarification that this document provides is a service to specifiers, as well as to members of both organizations,” said NPCA President Fred Grubbe. “Precast concrete products continue to be a critical component of our nation’s infrastructure projects and will be even more prominent when Congress passes a national infrastructure bill in the near future.”

“Members from both organizations have worked together to provide more clarity to owners and specifiers, as well as to our membership and the industry, to ensure that precast and prestressed concrete products remain at the highest possible quality. The ultimate goal is customer satisfaction,” added Bob Risser, PE, president and CEO of PCI.



### **About PCI**

*Founded in 1954, The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) is a technical institute for the precast concrete structures and systems industry. PCI develops, maintains, and disseminates the Body of Knowledge for the design, fabrication, and construction of precast concrete structures and systems. PCI develops consensus base standards, industry handbooks, quality assurance programs, certification, research and development projects, design manuals, continuing education and periodical publications. PCI members include precast concrete producers, erectors, suppliers, professional engineers and architects, educators, students, and industry consultants who complement the wide range of knowledge of precast concrete. For more additional information, visit [pci.org](http://pci.org).*

### **About NPCA**

*National Precast Concrete Association has represented manufacturers of plant-produced precast concrete products and the suppliers of products and services for the industry since 1965. NPCA is dedicated to expanding the use of quality precast concrete and providing members with the programs and information required to operate a successful precast plant. NPCA represents more than 900 manufacturers of quality precast concrete products and suppliers to the industry. NPCA has members in all 50 states, eight Canadian provinces and 11 other countries.*